

became involved with Kentucky Refugee Ministries after volunteering with a similar program in Jordan in 2000. Anne Marie, a rhetorician and composition graduate student at the University of Louisville, also obtained a master's degree in creative writing from George Mason University. Remarkably, English is her only language.

In one of her assignments, Anne Marie assisted a Bosnian family in accomplishing basic daily activities like shopping, driving, and setting up bank accounts. She also taught English conversation skills to two sisters from a Congolese refugee camp. Anne Marie is a mentor to refugee children from Kosovo, Mexico, and Jordan, serving as both a friend and a teacher.

Her generosity and kindness has improved the lives of refugees in countless ways. Her patience, instruction, and friendship is an example for us all. Anne Marie Pederson is an exemplar of charity and a tribute to Kentucky. I thank the Senator for allowing me to recognize Anne Marie Pederson and voice her praises. She is Kentucky at its best.●

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF R. HUGH BRADY

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, it is never easy to say good-bye to a long-time friend, and it is even tougher when a community has to mourn the loss of a true humanitarian. Last Thursday, one of the most charitable men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing passed away at the age of 74 after a courageous battle with cancer.

His name was Hugh Brady and for many children in Idaho, he was the man who made sure they had the necessary sporting equipment to participate in the games they loved. In 1954, Hugh was hired as a salesman for Idaho Sporting Goods in Boise and traveled all over a three-State area providing uniforms and equipment to schools that needed it, especially those in the more rural areas. He became sole owner of Idaho Sporting Goods in 1969 and over the years sponsored thousands of children and teams in all types of sports.

On August 6, Hugh will be inducted into Idaho High School Activities Association Hall of Fame for his kind-hearted efforts off the field and his immense support for any child who had a desire to play no matter their ability. He wanted so badly to attend the ceremony, but it was not meant to be. Instead it will be a time to celebrate his wonderful life and reflect upon how one man was able to touch so many lives for the better.

Hugh lived by a simple rule he picked up from a used car salesman many years ago, and it served him well: Be honest to your wife, your banker and your customers. He expected honesty from his employees and to this day Idaho Sporting Goods is one of the most trusted businesses in Idaho.

I would like to pass along my heartfelt condolences to Hugh's family.

Cherle, his wife of 52 years, and their 11 children are regulars around the Boise sports scene. Whether in the stands or on the field, the Brady's prove great ambassadors for athletics. His 33 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren carry on their tradition today. We will miss you, Hugh, but we will never forget all you gave so that others could play.●

#### PEACHES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, today, 10,000 fresh, juicy peaches from my home State have been delivered to offices throughout the Senate, House, and U.S. Capitol. I want to thank the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and the South Carolina Peach Council for giving my colleagues and their staffs this taste of South Carolina.

For a tiny State, South Carolina is second only to California in peach production. This year we expect to harvest 130 million pounds, and because of all the rain the peaches are plumper and juicier than they have ever been. So with all due respect to my colleagues from Georgia, South Carolina is known as the "Tastier Peach State" for good reason.

I hope as all of us enjoy these peaches, we think about the farmers who get up early every morning and labor all summer in the heat and humidity to bring us this. We are so fortunate to have in this country safe, plentiful, and affordable fresh fruit and vegetables and none of us should ever take that for granted.

Finally, I remind the rest of America to ask for South Carolina peaches at their groceries.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED STATES-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—PM 44

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

#### *To the Congress of the United States*

I am pleased to transmit legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The Agreement will further open Singapore's markets and increase competition and consumer choice. This is America's first FTA with an Asian-Pacific nation, and we hope it will serve as a benchmark for future free trade agreements with other nations in the region. The Agreement will enhance prosperity in the United States and Singapore, serve the interest of expanding U.S. commerce, and advance our overall national interest.

My Administration is strongly committed to securing a level playing field for America's workers, farmers, and businesses. The Congress helped advance that policy by passing Trade Promotion Authority in the Trade Act of 2002 (the "Trade Act"). The Congress can help us take another important step by approving this Agreement and the implementing legislation. Without this Agreement, U.S. workers and businesses could be placed at a competitive disadvantage, because Singapore has signed or is currently working on free trade agreements with Japan, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and India.

In negotiating this FTA, my Administration was guided by the negotiating objectives set out in the Trade Act. The Agreement locks in tariff-free access for all U.S. goods, including textile and agriculture products, and addresses other barriers to trade. It opens opportunities for our services businesses, which now account for nearly 65 percent of our gross domestic product and more than 80 percent of employment in the United States. Through this FTA, Singapore will grant substantial additional market access to U.S. firms across a broad spectrum of services, including banking, insurance, securities and related financial services, express delivery services, professional services, and telecommunications. The Agreement also incorporates commitments on regulatory transparency that will be of special help to services business.

This Agreement provides state-of-the-art intellectual property protection, including significant commitments on trade in digital products. It ensures that electronic commerce will stay free of duties and discriminatory rules. In addition, Singapore will accede to international treaties dealing with copyright and access issues for the Internet.

United States citizens and businesses that invest in Singapore will have significant increased protections. This Agreement enhances transparency and openness in order to foster a more secure environment for trade and investment. Furthermore, Singapore will provide U.S. investors with important substantive protections that Singaporean investors already enjoy in the United States.

Singapore and the United States have also agreed to cooperate on the